[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

Detection Work of the Excise Sub-Inspectors and Petty Officers.

278. MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of cases of illicit distillation of arrack detected by the Excise Sub-Inspectors in 1098 and the first quarter of 1099;

(*b*) the number of cases of illicit tapping, manufacture or sale of toddy detected by the Sub-Inspectors and Petty Officers, respectively, during the above period;

(*c*) the number of cases in which the Sub-Inspectors conducted house-searches without magisterial warrants during the above period; and

(*d*) the amounts collected by way of rental, tree-tax, etc., under the head of abkari, in 1097 and 1098, with the respective estimated amounts in both years?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 64 in 1098, and 11 in the first quarter of 1099.

(*b*) 428 and 158 by the Sub-Inspectors and 85 and 57 by the Petty Officers respectively.

(*c*) 211 cases in 1098 and 68 cases in the first quarter of 1099.

(*d*)

	Estimated receipts.	*Actual receipts.*
1097	Rs. 24,51,600	Rs. 24,14,937
1098	Rs. 20,20,000	Rs. 22,13,113

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): May I know the cause of the decrease in actual receipts in the year 1098, referred to in answer to part (*d*)?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There has been an increase. The estimate was Rs. 20 lakhs and odd, while the actual receipts came to Rs. 22 and odd lakhs. There was more of consumption than anticipated.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): If there is more of consumption, does it mean loss to the Government?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There is no loss. There is an increase from Rs. 20 lakhs and odd to Rs. 22 lakhs and odd.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): That is not what I want. I wish to know the cause of the decrease under actual receipts.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That is due to the fact that there was the temperance campaign as a result of which the drink habit is decreasing.

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MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): Will the Government be prepared to ask the Excise Commissioner to investigate into the cuase for the decrease?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government will look into the papers and see if an enquiry is needed, and, if so, ask the Excise Commissioner to make an enquiry.

Inspection Work of the Conservator of Forests.

279. MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Conservator of Forests inspected the records of the Divisional Forest Offices during 1098;

(*b*) whether any mistake or irregularity had been brought to light in the course of such inspection and any officer punished in consequence thereof;

(*c*) whether he visited the interior forests in 1098, and if so, the places and the number of days spent in each place; and

(*d*) the maximum distance from a motorable road which he has travelled and the name of the places inspected?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the notes of inspection drawn up by the Conservator while inspecting the interior forests in any three Forest Divisions?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) The Conservator of Forests inspected three Divisional Forest Offices during 1098.

(*b*) It is reported that no serious mistake or irregularity was noticed during the inspections, that minor mistakes were noticed and that the usual steps were taken to rectify them.

(*c*) A statement * showing the names of places visited and the number of days spent in each place is laid on the table.

(*d*) Thirty-six miles. Cardamom Hills.

(2) The answer is in the negative.

Issue of a Proclamation re. Corruption of Officers.

280. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to issue a Proclamation in this State also, similar to the one that has been recently issued in Hyderabad, for checking the corruption of Government officers?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Expenditure of Allotment for new Roads in Muvattupuzha Taluk.

281. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to arrange for the whole amount sanctioned this year for opening new roads in the Muvattupuzha taluk being spent and the works completed before the close of the year?

* *Vide* appendix V—page 996.

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